(d) Under the new TPDS scheme, all the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including those in tribal areas will be provided specially subsidised foodgrains.

Vacancies in CPCB

3683. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of the staff in the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the number of vacancies in each cadre as on 31st March, 1997;

(b) the details of the sanctioned posts which could not be filled up for want of approval of the Recruitment Rules by the Ministry and since when the approval is pending alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the vacancies referred to in parts (a) and (b) are proposed to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The sanctioned strength of the staff in the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the number of vacancies in each cadre as on 31st March, 1997, are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
01.	Director	02	—	02
02.	Additional Director	08	—	08
03.	Finance & Accounts Officer	01	—	01
04.	Senior Scientist	04	04	—
05.	Sr. Environmental Engineers	06	06	—
06.	Administrative Officer	03	02	01
07.	Environmental Engineer	28	28	—
08.	Law Officer	01	01	—
09.	Public Relations Officer	01	01	—
10.	Scientist 'C'	17	16	01
11.	System Officer	01	01	—
12.	Assistant Environment Engr.	46	15	31
13.	Asstt. System Officer	01	—	01
14	Asstt. Media Officer	01	—	01
15.	Documentation Officer	01	01	—
16.	Scientist	28	18	10
17.	Accounts Officer	02	02	—
18	Assistant Accounts Officer	02	02	—
19.	Assistant Law Officer	03	03	—
20.	Assistant Material Officer	01	—	01
21.	Hindi Officer	01	01	—
22.	Private Secretary	01	01	—
23.	Sr. Technical Supervisor	01	01	—
24	Section Officer	04	04	—
25	Draughting Supervisor	01	01	—
26.	Deputy Librarian	01	—	01
27.	Junior Law Officer	03	01	02
28.	Junior Accts Officer	03	03	—
29.	Sr. Scientific Assistant	29	23	06
30.	Senior Hindi Translator	01	01	—
31.	Sr. Personal Assistant	02	02	—
32.	Technical Supervisor	02	02	—
33.	Assistant	16	13	03
34.	Accounts Assistant	11	06	05
35.	Hindi Translator	02	—	02
36.	Junior Engineer (Electrical & Mechanical)	01	01	—
37.	Junior Engineer (Civil)	01	01	—
38.	Junior Scientific Assistant	31	16	15
39.	Personal Assistant	05	05	—

Sl.No.	Name of the post	Sanctioned	filled	vacant
40.	Publication Assistant	01	01	—
41.	Senior Technician	11	05	06
42.	Senior Draughtsman	02	02	—
43.	Data Entry Operator (Grade-I)	02	02	—
44.	Driver (Grade-I)	05	03	02
45.	Junior Technician	05	02	03
46.	Senior Laboratory Assistant	32	25	07
47.	Cashier	06	—	06
48.	Driver (Grade-II)	07	06	01
49.	Junior Draughtsman	01	01	—
50.	Stenographer	21	04	17
51.	Upper Division Clerk	14	14	—
52.	Data Entry Operator (Grade-II)	02	01	01
53.	Driver Ordinary	13	10	03
54.	Despatch Rider	02	—	02
55.	Junior Laboratory Assistant	38	09	29
56.	Lower Division Clerk	40	24	16
57.	Plumber	01	01	—
58.	Pump & Wheel Valve Operator	02	—	02
59.	SeniorAttendant	05	05	—
60.	Field Assistant	07	07	—
61.	Attendant	49	32	17

(b) and (c) The Recruitment Rules of the CPCB were notified by the Chairman, CPCB on 24.01.1995. CPCB authorities have informed to have initiated actions for filling up the vacant posts as per the Recruitment Rules notified in the year 1995. The posts are expected to be filled up in due course. The Recruitment Rules for the two posts of Director and eight posts of Additional Director, which have been created for Environment Surveillance Squads of the CPCB on 1st March, 1996, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, are under consideration in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training.

Ineffectiveness of Legislation to check Poaching of Tigers

3684. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Poaching of Tigers is flourishing inspite of three legislations to protect the Tiger, due to lack of political will;

(b) whether Government are aware that one Indian tiger is killed everyday and illegally exported to other countries for Tigers products;

(c) whether Government have analysed the impact of Tiger poaching on environment;

(d) the steps Government propose to take to check this dangerous trend; and

(e) the Tiger population in India at present?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The rise in number of detection of illegal trade in Tiger parts and products can be attributed to stringent measures taken by the Ministry with the help of other enforcement agencies. This may not be taken as increase in poaching cases. Therefore, to state that there is no political will is not correct.

(b) The Government is aware of the reports appearing in the Press to this effect. No hard data has been given to substantiate the reports. According to this Ministry the claims are highly exaggerated.